

LEGISLATIVE BUSINESS.

THE TRAVANCORE VARNAVA BILL.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I move that leave may be granted for taking charge of the Varnava Bill.

MR. V. K. VELAPPAN NAIR (*Vaikom cum Kottayam*): I second it.

RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Sir, I rise to a point of order. Leave to introduce this Bill was granted by the House as far back as 26th of January 1943 and no motion seems to have been made in respect of this Bill during two successive sessions. So, automatically under standing order 4 this Bill has lapsed and at this stage no further motion could be made.

PRESIDENT: Under what Standing order?

RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Under Standing Order 4 the position has to be considered. It reads.

"(1) On the termination of a session —

(i) all pending notices shall lapse and fresh notices must be given for the next session.

(ii) Bills which have been introduced shall be carried over to the pending list of business of the next session :

Provided that, if the member in charge of a Bill makes no motion in regard to the same during two complete sessions, the Bill shall lapse unless the Assembly, on a motion by that member in any future session of the same Assembly makes a special order for the continuance of the Bill."

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I am now making an application for the grant of a special order to take charge of the Bill provided the House agree to that.

RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Even the member in charge of the Bill could not at this stage claim the privilege to make the motion; much less the member who now wants to take charge of the Bill.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Sir, I want to clear a doubt.

RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Two sessions have passed without any motion having been made. That is what I find from the proceedings.

PRESIDENT: I want to know whether the Bill has actually lapsed.

RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: This is what is recorded in the proceedings. Leave was granted during the 12th session and two more sessions have been held since then without a motion being made thereon.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI (*Legal Remembrancer*): I am not sure of the facts about the Bill in question. If what the Deputy President says is correct, there is no scope for Mr. Velayudhan Pillai's motion.

MR. T. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara cum Trivandrum*): We are not able to hear what takes place at that distance. What is the motion in issue, we would like to know.

PRESIDENT: Mr. T. P. Velayudhan Pillai has made a motion to the effect that he may be granted leave to take charge of the Varnava Bill. Objection has been taken by the Deputy President under Standing Order 4.

RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Sir, I have got the report of the proceedings in which this discussion is reported. At the 12th session, leave was granted.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: In what Volume of the proceedings please?

RAJYASEVANIRATA S. CHATTANATHA KARAYALAR: Vol. XXI. Leave to introduce the Varnava Bill was granted at the 12th session of the last Assembly. Two more sessions have already taken place. During these two sessions, no motion in respect of the Bill seems to have been made by the *member in charge of the Bill*. So, automatically under Standing Order 4, the Bill lapsed even during the life time of the last Assembly. Therefore no motion can be made by any member in this Assembly to take charge of the Bill at this stage.

MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: As I was not in charge of this Bill, I am not in possession of all the detailed facts.

MR. K. G. KUNJUKRISHNA PILLAI: If the facts are correct, then the objection raised by the Deputy President stands.

PRESIDENT: The motion is out of order, in the circumstances.

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were not moved:

"This Assembly recommends to Government that the schedule rates of the P. W. D. be increased to fit in with the times".

"This Assembly recommends to Government that arrangements be made for the payment of tappers direct by the Government."

RESOLUTION RE: DISAFFORESTATION FOR PADDY CULTIVATION.

MR. P. M. VARGHESE: Sir, I move

"This Assembly recommends to Government that five lakhs of acres of forest lands in Travancore be set apart forthwith for paddy cultivation to meet the acute food problem in the State."

In this connection I may first state that the food problem in the State is becoming acute not on account of war alone but due to other factors as well. Sir, within the last 50 years, the population of Travancore has increased more than double, whereas cultivation of paddy has decreased considerably. To substantiate my point the figures are these. In 1101, the total acreage under paddy cultivation was 6,73,178.29; in 1111 it was 6,90,226; in 1118, it was 6,39,996. This means a reduction of 50,230 acres under paddy cultivation. Sir, in these days of